

TUESDAY  
DEC. 7.

Men's Christ-  
Neckwear at  
iced Prices

Showing of  
House Coats  
Dressing  
Gowns

Dressing Gowns, made  
of quality soft, lofty  
saxony cloth, in dark  
green and brown, with  
long shawl collar, edge  
of silk cord, edge  
of silk and wool trim.

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BY CHINA.  
fter Plate, decorated  
ross and gold stippled  
dozen. Wednesday

Chinese China, blue flor-  
a deep ivory surface,  
with a white, blue,  
English jet or rock  
variety of shapes, sizes  
Wednesday 12c

Gloves and  
osiery  
EMBROIDERED HOSE  
in Fancy Box.

Black Cashmere  
Hose, English make,  
heel, toe and sole, neat  
white embroidery. All  
Wednesday, 3 pairs in  
Black Cashmere Hose,  
heel, toe and sole, neat  
Regular 50c per pair.

REET GLOVES, \$1.00.  
Cape Leather (Glove)  
English made, strongly  
fitting, grow point  
Special Wednesday.  
sh Made Black Cash-  
mere, with silk trim,  
Regular 50c value.  
R. MEN.

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Hose, English make,  
heel, toe and sole, neat  
white embroidery. All  
Wednesday, 3 pairs in  
Black Cashmere Hose,  
heel, toe and sole, neat  
Regular 50c per pair.

97 YONGE STREET  
FOR RENT  
Temporary—immediate possession—ideal situa-  
tion for Christmas trade.  
H. H. WILLIAMS & CO.,  
Victoria St., Toronto.

PROB: Partly fair; much colder,  
sional snow surges.

# GOVT. INTRODUCE A BILL TO ADD BRANCH LINES TO PEOPLE'S RAILWAY

### Principle of Public Own- ership is Accepted and Sun- dry Rumors Are Dissipated.

### W. F. MACLEAN URGES EXTENSION TO WEST

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—(Special).—The principle of public ownership of local lines, as advocated by the government to-day as a result of the discussion upon Hon. George P. Graham's bill to acquire or lease branch lines in connection with the Intercolonial Railway. The principle was admitted by Mr. Graham, in that by his proposal will be extended the ramifications of the government railways.

This gave an opportunity to W. F. Maclean (South York), one of the strongest advocates of public ownership of the public utilities in this country, to put in a plea for still further extension of the people's system. "I am an absolute believer in the public ownership of railways in Canada," said Mr. Maclean. "Therefore, I believe in this country owning and maintaining in the highest efficiency the Intercolonial. I would like to see it extended and improved."

"I take this measure to be a declaration in favor of the acquisition of local lines, and that it will mean an end to the talk and rumors and secret negotiations said to be under way concerning the handing over of the Intercolonial, either to the Canadian Pacific or the Canadian Northern."

On Business Terms.  
"There is a declaration to-day in favor of the extension of the principle of government ownership of railways to the wide extent of taking in all or most of the local lines in the provinces where the I. C. R. now runs. But if they are to be taken in, they must be taken in on business terms, and on reasonable values, and when taken in the roads so acquired, and the I. C. R. itself, must be administered from the point of view of business and efficiency, and must be absolutely separated from politics.

Should Be Extended.  
"I want to see the state-owned road extended into Ontario, to the Detroit River, and most of all I wish to see it extended where there is abundance of traffic, and where the competition of such a road would discipline the great private-owned roads that are in the west.

Chance That Was Missed.  
"My objection to the transcendent-al system is not so much that it was not required—it was required very much—but that I thought it should have been a part of the present state-owned road—the I. C. R. system. The government which is to-day taking the power to lease these roads, could a short time ago have taken over the Henry Street road, with the I. C. R. have now acquired. If they had taken that on reasonable terms, or on lease, the I. C. R. would to-day have been at the Borge Bay, which is now the source of the greatest amount of traffic for the roads going east.

The C. P. R. are now double tracking their system from the Georgian Bay to Montreal, and the ports of the St. Lawrence, in order that they can handle the traffic of the west. In the same way, if the I. C. R. had taken over the Canadian Atlantic, the road which is now being in the east, where there is very little traffic, would have produced such results that the I. C. R. would be in a position to pay all its expenses, and even some interest on the cost of construction. So I agree that the broad principle is not a bad one, but that it ought to be lived up to in the best way.

Give It a Fair Show.  
"Speaking of state-ownership and taking over leases, one work of bedeviling public ownership, and it has been practised a good deal in this country, is to apply the principle only where there is very little traffic or business, and then you have public ownership condemned. Take the instance of the government owned telegraph systems, which are supplying the coast, where there is very little business, and as a consequence if you want to cite a horrible example of public ownership, you say, look at the government telegraph system! The only way to apply government ownership is to apply it where there is business and traffic, and in the way in which the I. C. R. will become the success to apply it to be put in the Province of Ontario, put it at the Niagara boundary, put it at the Detroit River, put it in touch with the Georgian Bay, and extend it through the great Canadian waterway.

"That is the way to work government ownership in this country and that is the way I hope we will yet see it in this country."

The Bill introduced.  
Hon. Mr. Graham explained his bill, which is destined to give the govern-

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SENATE P. O.

# Taft's "Bombs" To Come Later

### Special Message to Deal With Big Matters—Stock Markets Not Affected Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—President Taft's message to congress to-day did not disturb the stock market. It was a conservative message from the point of view of financial interests, but as its contents had been accurately known and acted upon in the market, its actual publication left little for speculation to-day. The postponement for future treatment in special messages of the subjects of most interest to the stock market, those of changes in the anti-trust and interstate laws and regulations for the conservation of natural resources, left little for immediate appraisal in the securities markets.

# CHILD'S SYNDICATE HAS CROSSED THE BOUNDARY

### Will Pay Twenty Thousand Dollars a Year for Restaurant Site on Yonge Street.

The Childs Syndicate, controlling the famous chain of Childs restaurants in the leading cities of the United States, has invaded Canada, and the occasion marks the high water mark for the rental of Yonge-street business property. The Childs people will pay \$20,000 a year for ten years, and \$21,000 a year for the succeeding ten years for a ground floor space in the new Kent building to be built at Yonge and Richmond, including the use of part of the basement for cooking purposes. The syndicate will spend \$30,000 in decorating the ground floor which will be of the usual chaste appearance, with white tile, mirrors, marble and electric fittings. It will be one of the finest of the entire chain of Childs restaurants, and that means one of the best eating houses in America.

The Childs' enterprise is one of those merchantile developments of the twentieth century, and of which the Guild Cigar Stores is a sort of counterpart. These who have controlled the Childs' restaurants in Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, and other cities, will not be sorry to see the syndicate coming to Canada. They serve well cooked food, quickly under studied conditions of cleanliness at reasonable rates. Young men wait on the tables during the day up to 7 p.m. After which the male waiters take up the work for the night. The restaurants are open nights, days and Sundays.

# DOCK WAS OVERLOADED

### Verdict of Coroner's Jury in Saturday's Drowning.

HAMILTON, Dec. 7.—(Special).—The jury which to-night inquired into the death of Leo Barry, who lost his life at a cave-in at the city dock Saturday morning, returned a verdict of drowning, and that the accident was caused by the overloading of the dock.

# SUN LIFE'S BIG PROJECT

### To Build Million Dollar Offices in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—(Special).—The Sun Life Insurance Co. have purchased the Montreal Y.M.C.A. building on Dorchester-street for \$350,000. It is planned to erect a million dollar office building.

# CHILD DIES UNDER CHLORFORM

PORT HOPE, Dec. 7.—(Special).—Eva, the 7-year-old daughter of William Emberton, is dead from the effects of chloroform, which had been administered by two local surgeons. She was to have undergone an operation for an affection of the throat and nose.

# CAN YOU BEAT THIS IN THE WAY OF VULGAR SNOBBERY.

Toronto Society in Saturday Night:  
A rumor of the engagement of a young scion of a very prominent family to a girl of very little renown is one of the "flor" floating in the sea of gossip just now. Although unknown in smart circles, I hear very good things about the reputed fiancee, who seems to have a good deal of looks and good sense in an unusual degree.

# POICE DEPT. IS SHAKEN UP BY PENSIONS

### Staff-Inspector Stephen Retir- ed by Police Commission— 13 Resignations and 22 Promotions.

Staff Inspector Stephen retired. Detective Kennedy new head of the Morality Department. Inspector William Davis will resign. Sergeants Charlton and W. J. Geddes, inspectors of division. Detective Mackie, sergeant of detectives, replacing James Verney, who becomes uniform sergeant.

\$7000 call made on pension fund by retiring officers, resignations and twenty-two promotions made.

Following the practical consummation of the yearly grant of \$10,000 by the city council to the Police Benefit Fund, the board of police commissioners yesterday afternoon provided for 13 retirements from the force, and made 22 further changes and promotions to cover the vacancies made thereby, and by the consequent promotions.

The retirements and changes are all dated from the first of the year, and each man is to receive pension at half-pay, to which will be added the additional sum of 1-10th of his pay for each of three years by which his payment into the fund exceeds the quarter century. All of the men retiring have been paying into the fund since its establishment, Jan. 1, 1882, and the service of most of them ante-dates that. Each is given a bonus of one month's pay. The withdrawal from the fund thus necessitated for pensions to these men will be about \$7000.

Staff Inspector Out.  
The work was started from the top of the list, and Staff Inspector James Stephen was the first to go. His place in the morality department is filled by Detective George Kennedy, who will be known as staff inspector, but whose salary will be that of an inspector of divisions. The new chief of the morality department will bring to this trying task a sane judgment and a big heart. Changes in this department are likely. Given a fresh start in this important line of police duty, he should be able to remove the department from the public ridicule in which it has been held almost since its inception.

# ADVOCATES FREE TRADE

### President of the Cotton Federation Tells Why.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Birmingham Daily Post will to-morrow publish an article from inspired sources, outlining the tariff reform which is likely to be proposed by the Unionist government, if the Unionists are successful at the elections, prefacing it with the remark that the country's financial necessities are much greater than they were in 1905, when Joseph Chamberlain started the movement. The article proceeds:

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# M.C.R. INCREASES WAGES.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 7.—The Michigan Central Railroad has increased trainmen's wages 1-2 per cent, and operators' approximately 14 per cent.

# TOO FRAIL TO TIE TO



OLD MAN ONTARIO: Don't trust to that "Post," friend, it's kinder weak.

# UNIONIST TARIFF WOULD PLACE DUTIES ON EVERYTHING BUT RAW MATERIALS

### Of Simplest Form and Not Strictly Pro- tective, But Assisting the Home Producer, and Giving Prefer- ence to the Colonies.

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# THE MOTHERLAND'S WELCOME

### What Will It Be for the Colonies? Asks Wyndham.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(C. A. P.)—Speaking to-night at the Constitutional Club, George Wyndham, M.P., said: "We know we must co-operate with the sister states for unity of the empire and in order to reinforce our policy, both in respect to strengthening our defence and enlarging our opportunities for employment. Attempts are made in each new tariff devised by other countries to detach our sister states from the motherland. Are we to be dumb? Is the mother of the empire welcoming her children round the ancestral hearth, to appear as an aged crone, numbing incomprehensible references to a past that is finished, in which they had no share, too blind to see them, too deaf to hear them, too crippled to lead them in the march to our common destiny? Let us rather duty on manufactured articles and two shillings on wheat.

# NEW PORT ARTHUR INDUSTRY

Canadian Linen and Paper Company Will Spend a Lot of Money.  
PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 7.—(Special).—The city council industrial committee closed an agreement to-night with the Canadian Linen and Paper Company, represented by E. P. Bender, Winnipeg, Dr. Phar, Winnipeg, H. F. Forrest, Winnipeg, and Prof. Mayret, Franco, to locate a new factory here for the making of linen and paper from flax. The company gets 50 acres site free, but no bonus except tax exemption. It will start May 1, 1910, on the erection of a \$500,000 plant, and will spend \$250,000 in five years and employ at least 150 men. The company will use an entirely new and secret process making flax into a greatly reduced cost. One of the principal reasons in coming here is to get water and air free from alkali.

\$5500  
Block of five houses, each detached:  
lot 22x170; seven rooms, furnace, sink,  
good boiler, sand casting, 2 1/2 miles  
to King and Yonge; good east and  
section; \$500 cash and easy terms.  
H. H. WILLIAMS & CO.,  
26 Victoria Street, Toronto

1909  
29TH YEAR

# LARGEST GAS TANK EXPLODES AND KILLS 27

### Others Will Die as Result of Terrific Conflagration at Hamburg—Loss Near- ly Four Millions.

HAMBURG, Germany, Dec. 7.—The explosion of two gas tanks on the so-called "Kleine's Gasbrook," on the Elbe front this afternoon was followed by an extensive fire and the loss of many lives.

The explosion was due to a leak in a new gasmeter. Escaping gas entered the retort house where it came in contact with the fire, causing a terrific explosion. A large number of workmen were engaged in rebuilding, and enlarging the plant. Twenty-five of the men were employed near the gasmeter. They disappeared in a mass of flames which shot up to a great height.

Firemen with apparatus appeared quickly on the scene, but they were unable to approach in large force, owing to the isolated situation of the establishment.

Up to a late hour to-night ten men are reported dead and seventeen missing. It is almost certain that all of these are dead. Forty men were dangerously injured, of whom several cannot recover.

The fire gained rapid headway and threatened the old gasometer, containing 50,000 cubic metres of gas. So intense was the heat, and so dangerous their position, the fire men were compelled to draw to a safe distance. A terrifying explosion soon occurred and the tower became a mass of flames, which leaped hundreds of feet in the air, sending fragments of glowing coke far and wide over the city side.

# GUILTY OF SLAYING HUSBAND

### Jury Gave Her the Benefit of the Second Degree.

NEWARK, N.J., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Mary Wilhelm, jointly indicted with Nicholas Sica, for the murder of her husband, Frank Wilhelm, in February last, was found guilty of murder in the second degree to-night.

# NO POWER MONOPOLY IN LONDON CONTRACT

Judgment has been reserved by the divisional court in the action of R. H. Smith, a London ratepayer, to prevent the City of London from entering into the contract with the hydro-electric commission, argument in which was completed at Osgoode Hall yesterday.

Mr. Johnston argued that the matter came up as an interference with trade and commerce and was therefore one for the Dominion House.

# AUXILIARY STEAM PLANT

### B.C. Electric Railway Will Erect a Big One at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 7.—(Special).—General Manager Sproule of the B. C. Electric Railway, on returning from England to-day, announced that the directors had passed six million dollars for expenditures. On large work to be immediately undertaken for the erecting of a 2,000-horsepower steam auxiliary plant in Vancouver.

# Fur-Lined Coats for Men.

You'll wake up some day and find that the mercury is dancing around the zero spot. Then you will be sorry that you did not buy a fur-lined coat. The Dineen Co., 139 Yonge-street, put into stock yesterday three hundred additional fur-lined coats for men. They are made of high quality beaver cloth and lined with selected muskrat and with wide otter or Persian lamb collars and lapels, for fifty dollars. The ladies should be interested in this coat proposition also, for there is nothing better as a Xmas present than one of these.